

The Resulting Commitment of Repentance and Revival (Nehemiah 10)

Proposition: Every one of us, when we are brought to a heart broken repentance and a heaven sent revival should reflect the continuing commitment we see here in Nehemiah Ch. 10.

- I. **A Public Commitment** (Vs. 1-29)
 - A. A Complete Commitment (Vs. 1-28a)
 - B. A Cutting Commitment (Vs. 28b)
 - C. A Cleaving Commitment (Vs. 29)
- II. **A Promised Commitment** (Vs. 29-33)
 - A. A Serious Promise (Vs. 29)
 - B. A Submissive Promise (Vs. 29)
 - C. A Social Promise (Vs. 30)
 - D. Separating Promise (Vs. 31)
 - E. Stewardship Promise (Vs. 32-33)
- III. **A Practicing Commitment** (Vs. 34-39)
 - A. Regulated Promise (Vs. 34-35)
 - B. A Revived Practice (Vs. 34-35)
 - C. A Revering Practice (Vs. 36-38)
 - D. A Remembered Practice (Vs. 39)

The Resulting Commitment of Repentance + Renewal
(Neh 10) Renewal still happens in our world today. Years from now we will hear account of the great renewal taking place among the house churches in China. There is no doubt that such a mighty move of God will leave a lasting mark. Take for example the account of the Renewal on the Isle of Lewis in 1950. Evangelist Duncan Campbell was asked to preach meetings there. On the second evening worth of preaching a Community Saturated with God - the results from that saturation linger on in the changed lives and lasting ministries that still thrive today. In Nehemiah the people of God had experienced a renewal and a repentance toward God that had resulted in a written covenant publicly sealed by the covenants between the people and God. Everyone of us, when we are brought to a heart broken repentance and commitment, ^{our} ^{commitment} ^{seen} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{world} ^{today} a heavenly reward should reflect the continuing ^{process}

A Public Commitment - (U31-29)

There is a big difference between a public and a private commitment. Private commitments are easily rationalized

and can quickly be broken. Alters up front

A. A Complete Commitment - Now I'm not going to even attempt to read off the names of these families but the emphasis is that it was a complete commitment. Nkemka was in the forefront as a leader making some commitment. Each and every one of us must commit not to a preacher or a church but to God to follow him in obedience

B. A Cutting Commitment - This is a complete group of God's people because they have cut their ties with the world's people. They separated their individual lives and their families from the gods, groups and the goodness of the world around them. This is in reality the meaning of holiness! Be ye Holy

C. A Clearing Commitment - There was a Clearing Together of the people. If you will remember in Ch 5 this was a people that were taking advantage of one another, that were at each others throat. And now that same group stood before God cleared or fastened, seized together. I pray to God that he would do that in our hearts

II. A Promised Commitment - As they have assembled together publicly they began declare a set of promises before God. Vows not to be taken lightly

1) the congregation lingered outside the church and were joined by others who had not attended the meeting. At that moment, the voice of a young man was heard praying aloud inside the church, and many were moved to join him as a sense of deep conviction came over the crowd. The church was soon filled with people calling upon God for mercy and praising Him for His goodness, and even when they separated in the early hours of the morning, small groups went on praying in various parts of the village. The powerful awakening which swept through Barvas in the following days was not an isolated event, and although Duncan Campbell's preaching was similarly blessed when services were hastily arranged in villages such as Tarbert, Leurbost and Arnol, the revival was felt throughout the whole of Lewis, to such an extent that he later described it as "a community saturated with God".

1) Psalms 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will
keep thy righteous judgments.

A. A Serious Promise - They entered into a curse? Most of the time you read a promise from God's people "If we obey, then bless." This curse - if we don't do curse us. We pray Lord I want your blessing, I'll do this. Not Lord.. Sermon

B. A Submissive Promise - This serious promise was a submission to the command of God. to follow his statutes and laws. To obey! God curse us if we don't. Do you treat God's word as pickachilly. No! Ps 119:106 D

C. A Social Promise - This promise reached right down to the fabric of society. It reached into the family. The way of Solomon had been the way of the past. Marriages to idolaters had brought the ^{idolaters} to

D. A Separating Promise - Here it is again. In this commitment to holiness there is signs of separation. I know in the free wheeling society, there are no limit boundaries, but in our lives ^{can't going to do} there are some things

E. A Stewardship Promise - This commitment reached all the way down to the pocketbook. Saw a cartoon of minister baptizing a fella. While the convert was under water. his hand w/wallet in it was out of water. But is Jesus is Lord ^{of all} Lord

III. A Practicing Promise - Not only was it public and in the form of a serious promise but they went so far as to lay out steps in order to

fulfill the promises that they made.

A. A Regulated Practice - Notice all these very specific steps. Wood's first fruits offering, first born offering. Where did they get these specifics? from the Word of God. A lot of the foolishness in our churches today would cease w/ high regard for the regulating Word of God.

B. A Renewed Practice - These were the things that used to be a part of every day practice in times past, but they had been cast aside and forgotten. But now by a Heaven sent renewal and repentance these commands take on a position of ^{importance} ~~importance~~ ^{preeminence}.

C. A Revering Practice - These practices were not done just out of an ^{obedient} ~~obedient~~ ^{obedient} attitude but were a reflection of the priority and the position of God in our lives. He gets the first place the first position. A Revering Practice

D. A Remembering Practice - What a great public promise we find in the end of the Chapter. "We will not forget." These were a people that in their practices said they will never forget. The Lasting effect of renewal is remembrance of what God ^{did & said}.

IV. Closing - This was not a private whisper at the beginning of a New Year, no it was a public commitment a promise commitment, a practicing commitment.